

## Family Update

The spring semester is winding down to a change of pace this summer. We're looking forward to several days at the beach in May with Brian's family, and then in June to serving in our church's VBS and going on several missions trips. Alyssa and Sabrina will travel to New York City with our church's youth group, while Brian and Jennifer will help to lead a group of adults from our church on a missions exposure trip to Honduras. In July, all three girls will go to camp in Colorado. August will hold more changes, when Alyssa, who has been commuting to Criswell College the last two years, will move into an apartment with friends. We're excited for the new opportunities in her future! We appreciate your prayers for our spiritual growth as a family and for the activities and travel of the summer.

## A Family in Mexico Trusts in Jesus

A strong wind had destroyed the metal roof on Mauricio and Tule's home, leaving their family without adequate protection. For years, Mauricio would not allow his family to attend church because he did not trust Christians, so when a local pastor approached his family and volunteered to help build a new cement roof on their home as a servant evangelism project through HOPE Coffee, Mauricio was a bit surprised.

However, as the church members talked with the family, they shared that Jesus was the reason why they wanted to help. Soon all of his kids trusted in Jesus! After some hesitation, Mauricio accepted the church's help, and it wasn't long before both his and his wife's hearts began to soften. As the local church members worked alongside his family to complete the roofing project, both he and his wife trusted in Jesus as well! Mauricio has asked for prayer for his neighbors, that they would soon see Christ's love through his family's newfound faith and trust in Jesus. On March 5, 2018, the church held a praise service at their home.



Pastor Ignacio Martinez with Mauricio and Tule's kids.

Please continue to pray for our HOPE Coffee Mexico team, Abelardo and Darrol, as they have completed two other water and shelter projects in which the gospel was shared, but have not yet seen spiritual fruit.

## A Home is built in Honduras

Siguatpeque, Honduras—Arcelia never imagined she would be raising her three kids alone. Working multiple jobs never seemed to bring in enough money to provide a safe, consistent place for her family to call home. Arcelia was discouraged. She continued striving to make her income stretch—always thinking of her children's needs. She worried about the costs of her son's education and her daughter's medical care. It seemed as though hope of a better life for herself and her children would always stay just beyond her reach.

After Arcelia had resigned herself to a life of poverty and substandard living conditions, HOPE Coffee partnered with a Christian organization in Arcelia's community and began to build. As the volunteers laid the foundations of her new home, they began the process of rebuilding hope that was once lost. The volunteers expressed the love of Jesus to Arcelia in a very real and tangible way. Arcelia had been walking with Jesus for years. She'd heard about God's love for her countless times in church. After seeing the faces of the volunteers who partnered with HOPE Coffee to help build her home, she confidently proclaimed, "I'm seeing the face of Jesus in them". After years of sharing a dwelling with others, Arcelia and her three beautiful children sleep safely in their own home tonight. Arcelia said it best when she exclaimed, "All I can say is thank you". Watch the video at <https://vimeo.com/hopcoffee/nolasco> to see Arcelia's incredible story. Thank you to the Fundacion Melodias de Esperanza in Siquatpeque, Honduras for their partnership in this project.

## Coffee from Uganda is Tested

In anticipation of serving coffee shops across the US and opening another location here in the Dallas area, our team has been searching for coffee and ministry connections in Africa. Last fall, God connected us with a group from Uganda, and this spring we were able to test their coffee and begin talking through the ministry components. Please pray for our team as we consider this possible additional way to serve the body of Christ and see people come to know Jesus in Uganda later in 2018 or early 2019.



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### **HOPE Coffee Team**

Thank you for praying for our team. We earnestly seek your prayers as we grow so that we will keep our focus on sharing the gospel through the profits of quality coffee. So that you can pray specifically, here is a list of our team members. HOPE Coffee US: Eric, Jason, Kaysi, Yolanda, Karis, and Brian. HOPE Coffee @ DTS: Alyssa, Ashley, Joshua, Olivia and Zofia, HOPE Coffee Honduras: Cristian, Kike and Mark. HOPE Coffee @ Siguatepeque: Cristian, Isabel, and Meryl. HOPE Coffee Mexico: Darrol and Abelardo. Ministry and Business Advisors: Ben and Steve. HOPE Coffee @ Sunnyvale: Please pray for us as we interview and seek for God's person to manage and run this location.

Thank you for being a part of our family and ministry!

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